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WASHINGTON'S SUBURBS

Though Washington, in no sense, is a city of suburbs, such as Boston, suburbs which now must be taken into account in any estimate of its business strength or total population

This rapid growth among suburbs pages to the new Suburban Direcall these suburbs depend upon Wash- cation from Washington. ington for every need except perishable groceries, and in many cases these are furnished through Washington grocers.

these estimates by at least 20,000. period on the lakes.

Washington merchants are awak-

casts a huge cotton trade yet to be scored with the latest crop.

In the months from August 1 to than four million in 1913. But we in four weeks than went out in four the Volturno? months following the war. This latter export is 600,000 more bales than went out in the corresponding four ever went out in any other corre- be safest, and in the end cheapest; sponding four weeks in the history safest for manifest reasons; cheapof the country. .

summer, this is the way we do it boatmen," for whom there is no real now to make up for lost time: Third need, and who, once their classificaweek in January, 122,000 more bales tion is established, would be found than in 1914; fourth week in Jan- expensive. There is no occasion in uary, 21,000 bales more: first in Feb- the interest of safety to create such ruary, 275,000 more; second in Feb- a class, which would be merely disruary, 188,000 more. In those four guising present conditions under a weeks the average gain over the corresponding period last year was ficient boats, and a large enough more than 150,000 bales a week.

relatively cheap, but when we give quite satisfactory. the foreign market more than 800 .-000 bales in two weeks at approximately \$45 a bale it means a business in that line alone of some \$18,-000,000 a week. And the rest of the popular author, in an interview in press its demand for our cotton.

in Europe this paper declared that surging back and forward like the

that it could make no greater mis- could serve to sustain the local poptake than to abandon a large part of ulation, even to the peasants' chickits cotton cultivation this year, it ens; nearly a million horses have in the presence of deat forth by his stern anger will be breaking its neck to get back been taken by the Germans in Rusto the raising of its usual crop besian Poland, and 200,000 head of catfore the winter tourist and the birds tle; while in Austrian Poland the times, left the bulk of the \$2,000,000 escome flitting North again.

IS ITALY READY?

of considerable value to the allies, forests, where starving mothers can for it will prevent Turkey using her only weep while their suffering chil-

roublesome. has already planted troops in Alba- clares that twice as many people controlling the Adriatic is more like- great in area. it has a rapidly growing array of ly to be turned into a complete bankruptcy in that quarter.

With so many actually warring states seeking something, there may so far as community purposes are not be enough to go round and take Pay has issued a comparison of the concerned. Many of these suburbs care of countries that are not open- payments that the Government have come to the front within the ly in the war. Therefore the more makes to its own railroad—the Panis indicated by the addition of 100 rewards is yet good. This is roughly clares that the little railway across tory, at the rate of forty-five names that Italy has made occasion to send mails, \$2.77 per ton mile; whereas to the page. Here then, are 4,500 a note to Germany about shipping the railroads in the United States added, within a year, to the Capi- interference, that is said to be much are paid an average of 10 cents per tal's buying public; for practically more provocative than the communiton mile.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

It is reported that the conferees In talking Washington to outside on the seamen's bill have tentatively business men, and in estimating the agreed to reduce the safety provibuying power of Washington's pub- sions of even the bill that passed the lic, this suburban population can- House. The House bill provided that not be left out of the reckoning. It during four months of the yearis apt to be overlooked because many from May 15 to September 15-35 of the suburbs lie just across the per cent of boats, 35 per cent of District line, in Maryland and Vir- rafts, and 30 per cent of nothing ginia, and are not included in either within twenty miles or less of shore, the Federal or the police census. The should be afforded; 20 per cent of this question is to repose in some population of "Greater Washington," boats, 30 per cent of rafts, and 50 proper authority the power to fix it is safe to assert, exceeds either of per cent of nothing during the same the compensation for carrying mails.

ening to this fact, and many now provided boats for all persons on railroad rates. If the Interstate cater to this suburban population. board, and two able seamen or men Commerce Commission is the one

the year before. But if our overseas commerce is not to be driven off
the seas—and nobody seriously
thinks it is to be—the rate at which
the exports have gone on this season

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on board to lower any of the boats. Is this condition to be continued af- cial results of railroad operation. ter the lessons that we have had, The Interstate Commerce Commisand the loss of about 4,500 passen- sion in the advance rates case took gers through disasters within the the broad ground that the railroads' December 1 we shipped not a third last five years? If so, what has be-need of money justifies giving them of what went out the year before. come of the promises that were higher rates. There may be ground made after the loss of the Titanic, for difference of opinion about that a quarter bales, as against more re-enforced by the loss of the Em- view; but the fact is that, as result press of Ireland, the Monroe, the of a strong and long campaign of have just seen more cotton sent out City of Chicago, the Maryland, and appeal to public opinion, that policy

with two able seamen or men of weeks last year. It is more than higher rating for each boat, would est, because the House bill provides If we did little or nothing last for a new class of men, "certificated new name. What is needed is sufnumber of competent people in them. In the last fortnight the exports The Senate bill provided for these were 812,000 bales. Cotton is still essentials, and did it in a manner

POLAND AND BELGIUM

Henrik Sienkiewicz, Poland's most world is not yet beginning to ex- Berne, describes the horrors of Poland, over whose soil the armies of At the very outbreak of hostilities Russia, Germany, and Austria are the world's consumption of cotton rising and ebbing tides of a lurid, must go on, war or no war. And flaming, devastating ocean. Its peonow it begins to appear that even ple by millions are driven from their more cotton will be needed in the homes and left utterly destitute. In war than ever was needed in peace. | old Poland the Germans in their in- ed his millions. If the South has not already seen vasions have taken everything that Russians have made just as clean a sweep of the country. Grain has been commandeered in the same Mrs. Leslie made an agreement with There has been for months an air thorough fashion. • Mr. Sienkiewicz There has been for months an air of calm confidence on the part of the allies, concerning the attitude of been destroyed in whole or in part, Italy in the war. If she does not while farm homes have been wiped become a belligerent, her continua- off the earth by tens of thousands. tion of neutral attitude will yet be Families have been driven into the

fullest power, lest she weaken herself dangerously in some weak place and Italy make occasion to get into the fighting. Moreover, as a neutral Italy becomes a sort of police
There, the people are desperately their homes beging for twelve-year-old check for sold, signed by John D. Rockefeller, found through cleaning out an attle, will be used to resurrect a fund for widows and firemen here.

Mr. Rockefeller sent the check to the Pire Department Association, which broke up the day it was received. Chief Michael J. Martin forgot it until he their homes, hoping for

of trouble for any Balkan state that the time when peace may give them shows disposition to make itself the chance to rehabilitate their country. Belgium, closer in touch But recently there have been mul- with the heartstrings of a sympaciplying signs that Italy is finally to thetic outside world, has been given become a belligerent. It is hard to some measure of relief where Poland see how she can afford to keep out, has had none. The numbers of peofor she wants Trieste and the Tren- ple affected have been vastly greater tino as her part of the spoils that in Poland than in Belgium; and must be taken from Austria. There finally, Poland suffers the additional will be, if the allies win, plenty of in- horror of being a people that is yet sistence on portions of the Austro- not a nation; divided, fighting fratri-Hungarian raiment. A new Poland cidal war, because the Poles of Pruswill pare off the Galician slice, and a sia and Galicia fight in the German greater Serbia will want more. Bos- and Austrian armies, while those of nia and Herzegovina will hardly be Old Poland are enlisted under the allowed to remain Austrian. Italy Russian banner. Mr. Sienkiewicz denia, backed by an apparent purpose are in abject need in Poland as in to stay, so that any Austrian hope of Belgium, in a country seven times as

The Committee on Railway Mail need for Italy to get in while the ama line-and to other roads, prichance of earning her share of the vately owned. The statement dethe explanation of the general belief the isthmus is paid for hauling the

Doubtless there are circumstances which, properly weighed, make the discrimination in fact less than it appears on the face of these figures; but it is hard to believe that there is justification for such a wide difference, and without very convincing testimony nobody is believing it. The railways, the Postoffice Department, and Congress have got into a hopeless tangle over the railway mail pay business, that ought and needs to be settled as soon as possible. The reasonable, businesslike way to settle It is no more the proper business of The bill as it passed the Senate Congress than is the fixing of other Doast with no sailor at all on board the boat, or on the raft. The excuse pleaded by the lake ship owners, and apparently about to be accepted by the conferees, is that the reverberation of the harmonic complex a task for a legislative brack for a legislative brack for a legislative brack for the first of August 1 up to the close of last week only 4,453,429 bales, against 6,676, 390 in the corresponding period of he year before. But if our oversas commerce is not to be driven off the same passengers were either burned or the passengers on board were saved in the same passengers on the passengers of the postoffice? If the fix-the passengers were either burned or drowned on the lakes.

Tomorrow.

Annual meeting, Eastern Fruit Growers Association, the Raleigh, 10 s. m. Declaring that the reverberation of war thunders across the old world for this flag, National Commander the deeds of the men who have died for this flag, National Commanders, so p. m. Banquet, Geogeteon Alumni Association, the Raleigh, 10 s. m. Declaring that the reverberation of war thunders across the old world for this flag, National Commander the deeds of the Army and Navy Union, pledged his comrades, "so long as our organization exists," to "remembre the Maine with memorial services to the Maine with memorial services on excepted by the conferees, is that too complex a task for a legislative on excepted by the passengers were either burned or drowned on the lakes.

When the City of Chicago burned on the first of August, the passengers are so that particular kind of the reverberation of war thunders across the old world friends the reverberation of the memorial services to the Army and Navy Union, pledged his comrades, "so long as our organization excepted by the Cooke this morning in St. Martina Catholic hundred for this flag, National Commander the deeds of the Army and Navy

has been adopted, and it seems un-To return to the Senate bill, pro- likely soon to be changed. The pubviding boats for everybody on board, lic has come to feel that its control of railroads imposes on it a responsibility for them; and that their revenues become a matter of public concern. They must be kept in business, Florida Will Be Heavy Sufferer their credit sustained, their ability to make improvements left unim-

> In this view, it would seem that the same authority which has conover freight and passenger rates, ought to have coeval domination in the matter of compensation its wider aspects best. It is very the Department of Agriculture.

Testimony 35 Years Old In \$2,000,000 Will Suit

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-From musty records, thirty-five years old, the executors of the \$2,000,000 will of Mrs. Frank Leslie have reproduced the dramatic scenes of her husband's last hours to confront the grandchildren who seek to break her will.

Like voices from the past the witnesses in the contest of Frank Leslie's will by his two sons—witnesses who destified in 1880—will record the passing of the noted publisher and the beginning of the turmul of very that her strend. of the turmoil of years that has attend-

Besides his quoted declarations of enmity toward his sons, who had turned business rivals, there is included in the old-new testimony a ringing defense of his wife by Mr. Leslie—a defense spoken duct with Mrs. Leslie while she

to the cause of woman suffrage Three grandchildren-descendants Frank Leslie by a former wife-demand of the estate, claiming that

To Use Rockefeller's Twelve-Year-Old Check

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 16 .- J twelve-year-old check for \$100, signed

Ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery Begin at 2 o'Clock. President and Others Speak.

With the heavy booming of a twentyone gun salute mingling with the this fine bugle notes of "taps," the Maine memorial in Arlington Cemetery was formally dedicated this afternoon. The mainmast and fighting top of the cruiser which sank seventeen years ago in Havana harbor have been mounted upon a white granite representation of the turret of the battleship, which forms a receiving vault fourteen fete high and twenty-six feet in diameter. About the walls of the vault are inscribed the names of the two officers and 232 men who lost their lives when the Maine went to the bottom.

The Maine Memorial has been erected on a knoll in the southern part of the cemetery, in what is known as the Maine section of the Spanish war division, and towers above the trees to a height which makes it visible for miles. From the foot of the eminence on which it stands the award slopes away dotted it stands the surface has a spart alones away dotted. The mainmast and fighting top of the SAUCE FOR THE GANDER of the turret of the battleship, which

with the graves of the men whose deaths it commemorates.

Just before the dedication exercises a Just before the dedication exercises at the memorial, a flower laden launch, manned by members of the District na-val militia and members of the harbor police, put off from the Aqueduct Bridge and moved slowly down the Potomac scattering wreaths and blossoms on the water in commemoration of those whose

bodies were never recovered.

The ceremonies at Arlington began at 2 o'clock in the riding hall at Fort Myer, where the President, the Secretary of the Navy, Rear Admiral Sigabee, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the ill-fated ship; Commander H. Oden Lake of the Army and Navy Union; Myron M. Parker and Congressman Julius Kahn of California were the principal speakers. odles were never recovered. "In Cuba's name I send you this mes-

sage of cordial sympathy, echoing the true feelings of General Menocal, the President of the Cuban republic," is the keynote of the speech of Carlos Man-

of the battleship Maine, marked the hour of Cuban independence, and now Cuba and the United States bend their forcheads over the Maine Memorial

pastor, the Rev. Eugene Hannan, various military organizations of the District, including the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish-American War Veterans, Army and Navy Union, and Army of the Philippines, were present.

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services, included Capt. Richard J. Donservices, included Capt. Richard J. Don-nelly, Capt. Harry A. Waish, Sergt. John A. Gallagher, Capt. Edward L. Cogan, Capt. Jere A. Costello, William A. Hickey, John J. Murphy, Major Richard L. O'Brien, Sergt. John Cas-sady, U. S. M. C.; Trumpter James Nolan, U. S. M. C.; Edward O'Connor, Pichead J. Lamb. Cherles Plush T. I. Richard L. Lamb, Charles Blush, T. J O'Keefe, and John J. O'Brien.

HITS MANY STATES

as Citrus Crops Need Heavy Fertilization.

Practically all South Atlantic and New England States, as well as New Jersey and Louisiana will be seriously handicapped in crop-raising as a result of the The department is experimenting to

solution of this question, and this potash and cotton seed meal and wood a year ago. The report shows: seems at least a plan worth serious ashes have been found to be excellent fertilizers. Possibly 100,000 tons of potash are now held in the United States 1915, compared with 517,299 bales in 1914; although the annual importation of the German product exceeds 450,000 tons. Florida will be a heavy sufferer, as the citrus crops of that State need heavy fertilization. The Southern States, warehouses, 4.689.956 bales in 1915, and with their crops of cotton and tobacco, also will feel the embargo, while New Jersey and the New England States must find some other way to fertilize their potato crops.

West of Mississippi river, there is practically no demand for potash of any k ind. Cereal crops may be slightly curtailed as a result of the embargo, out it is not believed to be likely. The cereal crops, as a rule, need but ittle potash of any kind, and the northrn Rocky Mountain region and as far outh of Colorado, needs practically one. The German potash importations 23,486 bales in 1915. of the United States run as high as \$10,

Var Department Issues Army Organization Plan

The militia division of the War De partment has issued a circular explaining the plan for organizing the regular army and the militia of the various States into field armies. Twelve militia divisions are contem-plated, each State being assigned its quota of troops to be furnished. There will be 316,264 enlisted men the four proposed armies, in ad dition to several thousands who would be employed in time of war at depots and in transportation opera

New Asylum Opens.

LIMA, Ohio, Feb. 15 .- Ohio's \$2,000,000 officially opened today. Dr. Charles H. Clark, the superintendent, estimates that the first four months
will see housed in the institution about
emportant from other State hospitals.
This will relieve the asylums which are
filled to more than their capacity.

State officials now plan to open hospital wards for the special treatment of
pital wards for the special treatment of
deug users and habitual drunkards. Dr. Charles H. Clark, the superintend-

(For Today and Tomorrow.)

Meeting of fraternal, social, and other organisations of the Nation's Capital, together with a brief tabulation of the most important events scheduled for today and tomorrow, and attractions at the various playhouses. By reference to this column the reader may find at a glance the time and place of happenings in Washington today and tomorrow. The Sunday issue of The Times presents a program of events for the ensuing week.

Today.

Meeting of committee on Federal valuation of railroads, Willard, 10 a, m. Lecture recital, 1340 New York avenue northwest, 4:45 p. m. Traveltalk, E. M. Newman, Columbia, 4:45 meeting, Jovian Order, Eiks' Club, 8 p. m. King Cotton ball, large ball room, New Wil-lard, 8 p. m Reception, Lawyers' Club, red room, New Willard, 8 p. m.

8:30 p. m. Dinner, District Suffragiets, Brighton, 7 p m.
Dance, Eiks Lodge, in club house, \$ p. m.

Dance, Elka Lodge, in club house, 8 p. m. Meeting public order committee, Board of Trade, Raleigh, 12 m.
Concert, United States Marine Band Orchestra, Marine Barracks, 2:30 p. m.
Masonic-Potonac, No. 5; Benj. B. French, No. 18: Anacostia, No. 21; Pentaipha, No. 23; Mount Pleasant, No. 33; Orient, No. 5, Knights Templar; Washington, No. 1, Royal and Select Masons; Ruth, No. 1, Eastern Star.
Odd Fellows-Union, No. 11; Covenant, No. 13; Beacon, No. 16; Langdon, No. 26; Naomi, No. 1, and Ruth, No. 2, Rebekaha, Knights of Pythias-Century, No. 30; Equal, No. 17; Amaranth, No. 28; Ascalon Temple, No. 81, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorasan.

No. 81, Dramatic Order Knights of Khor-assan.
Woodmen of the World-Uniform Rank, Northeast Temple, 8 p. m.
Junior O. U. A. M.—Mount Vernon Council, No. 18, 800 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m. ocialist party-Journeymen Tailors' Unior of America, 8:15 p. m.

Amusements.

President of the Cuban republic," is the keynote of the speech of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, minister from Cuba to the United States, which in Senor Cespedes' absence was read by Capt. J. Walter Mitchell.

"The event, which is being commemorated here," he wrote, "is no longer to be associated with warlike thoughts. The nations who participated in the struggle of '98, are now happily at the page. But for all of that, the sinking the sinking the sinking to continuous. Candall's—Motion pictures, 11 s. m. to 1 page.

p. m. Strand-Motion pictures, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m Garden-Motion pictures, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m Arcade-Dancing, 8 p. m.

Meeting, Columbia Historical Society, the Shortham, 8 p. m.
Masonic—National, No. 12; Arminius, No. 25; Myron M. Parker, No. 27; King David, No. 28; La Fayette, No. 5; Washington Naval, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; Mithras Lodge of Perfection and Albert Pike Consistory, Scottish Rite; Mizpah, No. 8, Eastern Star. Odd Fellows—Washington, No. 6, Golden Rule, No. 21; Amity, No. 27; Mount Pleasant, No. 29; Eddelity, No. 27, Rebekahs, Knights of Pythias—Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 14; Capital, No. 24; Myrtte, No. 25; Ascalon Temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorasan, ceremonial, Socialist party—Local Southeast; Jewish Branch, executive committee, 8:15 p. m.

COTTON EXPORTS IN JANUARY INCREASED

Amount Sent Abroad This Year Greater Than in Month Last Year.

Cotton exports were greater during for carrying mails. Presumably, recent embargo on exportations of Ger- the January just passed than they were that authority knows the problem in man potash, according to officials of in January a year ago, according to the Census Bureau today. The quantity in sure that there is need for a proper produce a substitute for the German warehouses is twice as great as it was

2,839,942 in 1914. Imports, 39,229, equivalent to 500-pound bales, 1915, and 19,624 in 1914; exports, in

bales, 1915, and 19,624 in 1914; exports, including linters, 1,372 175 running bales in 1916, and 1,062,272 in 1914. Cotton spindles active during January, 30,565,479 in 1915, and 31,098,178 in 1914. Linters consumed during January, 24,639 bales in 1915, and 23,611 in 1914; held in manufacturing establishments, 120,440 bales in 1915 and 87,217 in 1914; and in independent warehouses, 93,573 bales in 1915, and 49,923 in 1914. Exported. bales in 1915, and 49,923 in 1914. Exported.

Washington Motorists Caught in Speed Trap

Two Washington motorists were caught at a speed trap on the Washington and Baltimore boulevard at Riverdale yesterday. The men gave their names as Harvey S. Cote, of 4125 Ninth street northwest, and Edward Fauer. Three motorists from Baltimore and two other Maryland residents were also caught at the trap. Each deposited \$5 collected a feet peing arraigned before caught at the trap. Each deposited \$5 collateral, after being arraigned before Justice of the Peace Robert E. Joyce, of

Trade Board Committee Enjoys Special Luncheon

Members of the public order committee for the criminal insane was of the Board of Trade held their first "get-together" luncheon at 12:30 o'clock today at the Raleigh. Odell S. Smith, chairman of the com-

'With Cloture in Senate Caucus Power Drops'

This Is Dictum Laid Down by Men'Who Will Decide on Movement to End Unlimited Debate in Upper House of Congress.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

"When cloture comes, caucus rule must go."

This is the dictum laid down today by men who will have the deciding voices in the Senate's determination whether a rule shall be adopted to close debate.

Parliamentary revolution of the most sweeping sort in the upper house would be the result of coupling these two propositions together to his memory or a most unfortunate and forcing their adoption.

Free discussion and the filibuster, long coupled together as an

to gather accurate impressions as to

how the Senate would today line up on

a proposition for establishing cloture

doing it, and the discussion of these

come, after March 4, the forces back of ancient tradition will be yet further

The Greatest Danger.

It is at this point that the supporters

of tradition fear their greatest danger.

bill being yet unpassed, it will be the

very time to force adoption of a cloture

that, if the Republicans will fight the

younger men, are convinced that it would be a very strong vote-getting

The Silver

Lining

Edited By ARTHUR BAER.

consensus of opinion is when

dred hit, showing that the New Haven

What assisted George Washington to

attain his record for truthfulnes was

that they didn't have street cars in his

day, therefore George never had to li-

Clark Griffith announces his ball

players will soon be mobilizing on the

of the ultimate consumer.

other fellow agrees with you.

hath her victories as well as war.

about a two-hour-old transfer.

IE OLDEPT

Southern border.

influence toward conservatism.

weakened.

widows.

sideration of any bill under this rule. That motion shall not be debatable. If carried, the bill comes under this rule. Thereafter discussion shall be limited in general is bad, want to make a spec-Thereafter discussion shall be limited in general is bad, want to make a specto three hours for each Senator, in general is bad, want to make a specto to three hours for each Senator, in general all rule for the ship bill; and those who, believing that cloture is a necessary specches on amendments. At the close part of properly regulated parliament of discussion in this manner a vote of discussion in the vote of discussion i shall be taken. Provided, however- general and permanent. It is difficult And here comes the limitation that smashes caucus rule_tnat this rule shall not apply to the consideration of any measure that has been adopted as a party measure by a party caucus. Under this rule, the situation as to the

Under this rule, the situation as to the ship purchase bill would be this:
Having been adopted as a party measure by a caucus, it is really the measure of a minority which, through caucus rule, is attempting to force its will on the Senate. Therefore, it would not be eligible for consideration with the privilege of cloture.

It has done right or wrong. Even in the present ship fight there are seven Democratic Senators who refuse to be bound by the caucus; and it is general-ly believed that when the new Senators were adopted as a result of the old fight, a few years ago, on the House

rules. The fight against "Cannonism" is credited political revolution that starting to trol of the House, then from domin tion of the country. In its beginnings that fight was not recognized as of the tremendous significance that afterward attached to it. Rather, the first mutterings of the storm were regarded as no more than the grievances of men as no more than the grievances of men who had not been given the committee assignments they wanted; the protestants were looked upon as cranks and extremists. Yet in a few years they forced a situation in which the country came to their support, and the reform of the House rules proved one of the states minor results growing out of minor results growing out of

heir struggle.

Has Larger Significance. A Senate fight for cloture will have even larger parliamentary significance; for the adoption of cloture in the Senate would be a far more revolutionary change than any that has been made in House procedure. The Senate has become the citadel of opposition; opposition to anything; miscellaneous and general opposition. Long sessions of congress have been jammed with great legislative programs; the short sessions have been too brief and their end too abrupt to make much maneuvering possible. Every short session has been a graveyard of legislation; from the time Congress returns, in this session, after the Christmas holidays, it sits in the shadow of the threat that a filibuster may at any hour break out and destroy

all effort to accomplish results.

The privilege of unlimited debate, in he Senate, inevitably compelled the ternal threat against any legislation n which there was not substantially unanimous consent; and the most ef-fective means was the caucus rule. For long time the old-fashioned parliamentary leaders held cauchs rule sa-cred; none might presume to bolt his arty without losing his political honor t was necessary to oppose a solid cauus strength to an opposition, which though feeble in numbers, might be armed with the weapon of the filibuster.

"Freedom" a Menace. So the unlimited debate rule, which

seemed and has always been supported

on the ground that it was the last word in absolute freedom on parliamentary procedure, made freedom so absolute that it became a menace; liberty to think and say what and all a man chose, became license to break down the whole legislative scheme if a few men pleased. Alongside this overdone liberty in debate, consequently, grew up the ironclad caucus system, which represented a very opposite tendency; the endency to suppress all individuality within the party.

within the party.

In recent years disaffection with both caucus rule and unlimited debate has been growing stronger all the time. It is now descried that adoption of a cloture plan will inevitably weaken the caucus system, already gasping for breath. There will be less excuse, if there is a means to shut off endless talk, for using the caucus club. Not a few members of the Senate, realizing that unlimited debate tends to fortify extreme partisanchip, have been coming over to the demand for cloture because of its effect in this direction. A fight for cloture, especially if it were for a blanket general rule on the subject would be the occasion for a great demonstration of parliamentary warfare. The thick-and-thin adherents warfare. The thick-and-thin adherents of the old-fashioned traditions of the Senate are chiefly to be found among the elder Republicans, men of long experience and intimate with every resource that the rules place at their discourse that the rules place at the socal for carrying on such a contest.

MAIL BAG (From The Times Readers.) Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper only; must not excee: 200 words in length and must be signed with name and address of the sender. The publication of letters in The Times Mail Bag does not mean the endorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum where the citisens of Washington can argue most questions.

Praises Times for Stand On Appro priation For Howard University.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:
Allow me to thank you for the editorial in Saturday's Times condemning the action of the House in cutting from the appropriation bill the annual al-

lowance for Howard University. That Abraham Lincoln's Birthday should have been selected for this affront to the work for which he sacrificed his life, the uplifting of the colored race, was, either a studied insult coincidence.

Having thus succeeded in withdrawing from our colored brother one more of the few facilities for education here-

Free discussion and the filibuster, long coupled together, as an unholy alliance of opposites, would be divorced by the adoption of a rule such as is to be presented to the Senate.

One-half of it will be the proposition heretofore advanced by Senator Norris for a cloture rule that would strictly limit debate and make it possible to fix a time to vote.

WOULD ABOLISH

The other half would except from this ne party caucus had bound a party to substantial unity of action. Thus, when can majority, the cloture could not be invoked to jam into the laws a proposition arctually opposed by a majority of the Senate, but that was being passed through caucus rule.

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In substance, the combination of these two plans would result in the adoption of the following rule:

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Some Sharp Differences.

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we were just begun to relieve the situa-tion with its soup houses and its breadtion with its soup houses and its bread-lines and all its woe and terrible suf-fering! Even the Salvation Army has shown us some examples of organized colonization on lands adjacent to cities. Washington, as one of your very in-telligent correspondents points out, has ample vacant lands of good sail and in the rules. There are many plans for would probably require a long time. Probably the best result that could be secured during the present session in this direction would be a plan for foreing a vote on the ship bill, which inclidentally would establish a precedent that might be expanded yet farther on the next occasion when the persistence of a filibuster would demand further action. ample vacant lands of good soil and well timbered in many cases nearby. Agricultural help is scarce, and hands are needed to cut wood and timber and to clear up the land. There is waste wood for hundreds of families which to he mathered and shipped to cought to he mathered and shipped to wood for hundreds of families which ought to be gathered and shipped to

the city for the he city for the poor. Only organization is needed to bring Might Gain Votes.

But if there had been a cloture rule for bills that had not been approved by a caucus, this measure could be considered as a non-partisan proposal, and with proper amendments, which in that case would be possible, might gain more votes than it would lose.

Consideration of such a complete reorganization of the procedure of the Senate points to a change in the whole parliamentary situation of the country. The changes would not be less important than were those in House procedure that were adopted as a result of the old state of the less than the procedure of the senate and the program and then the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then that the power to carry out its program and then the power to carry out its program and then the power to accountry for a decision whether it has done right or wrong. Even in the present ship fight there are seven in the procedure who refers the received and a little trouble, for the class who have all they need and are too busy and a little trouble, for the class who have all they need and are too busy and the program and the power all they need and are too busy and a little trouble, for the class who have all they need and are too busy a delete to charity. So a system which man' together. But this requires time and the younger are the chief advocates of the unlimited debate service are the chief advocates of It is impossible to discuss this sub- the

Cites Georgia Statutes in Answer to Critic of Suffrage Photoplay.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: In the Mail Bag of your issue of February 11, John W. Collins, a native of the State of Georgia, in a discussion of the legal points raised by the suffrage moving picture play, "Your Girl and If an extra session is forced, the ship Mine," defies me "to cite any provision in the Georgia statutes which confirms or even approaches the absurd and exyet fallen under the spell of Senatorial aggerated proposition" laid down in this It is play, which he calls a "traudulent pre-dity to sentation of these almost inconceivable and unreal condition of things." beginning, indeed, to be intimated that the Administration sees opportunity to make a strong national appeal through an effort to reorganize the Senate rules; In reply, I refer Mr. Collins to the Georgia Statutes, Chapt. 3, Code 1911, Art. I. Sec. 1, 3033, Natural Guardians, effort, the Democrats may decide to force it more and more, and carry it to the country as one of the commanding issues for the 1916 campaign. Many of their leaders, especially among the younger men, are convinced that it would be a very strong vote-setting

which reads: Every father may by will appoint guardians for the person and property, or both, of his children, and such guardians shall not be required to give bond and security except in case of waste committed or appre hended, or property coming to the ward from sources other than the father's will when the ordinary shall

If he will consult the laws of the other States mentioned on the slides ac-companying the picture, he will find those statements similarly confirmed. ANTOINETTE FUNK. Washington, February 14.

Would Reward Boy for Begins to look as if the Sick Man of Returning Lost \$600 the East was going to leave a lot of

Michael J. Whelan, of 1117 Clifton Apparatus to photograph thoughts street northwest, owner of a grocery will not be very popular in the vicinity store at 1117 H street northeast, is in a quandary today as to how he can best reward seventeen-year-old Morsell Loker, of Leonardtown, Md., a student at the National Cathedral School, who late Saturday night found a purse con-taining \$600 belonging to him. French war office estimates that only Loker turned the money over to the two men are killed out of every hun-

Knows Ten Languages; Asks Night's Lodging

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 15 .-harles Williamson, homeless and penniless, walked into police headquarters here and asked for a night's lodging. He said that he had traveled all over the world and that he could speak and write ten languages. He also said his college education hadn't done him much

Concert Today

By U. S. Marine Band Orchestra, Marine Barracks, 2:30 p. m.

Leader. March, "Universal Freedom," Blankenburg

Overture, "Oberon".....von Weber String quintet, "Old Folks at Home, Busch Grand scenes from "Tannhauser,"

Wagner First Valse (Op. 83) .Durand (a) "Love's Ecstasy"..... Roze (b) "Dance of the Fisher-Giria."

> von Blor Ziehrer

grin when he drops a slug in a tele

Who sent you that Valentine

WHAB PEZ-

"What's th' use

o' gittin' a hero

medal when one

o' your relatives

has got t' wear

it?"

Can you tell offhand whether-

from the Chautauqua salute

to slice the bread in restaurants?

How many fatalities have resulted

What kind of a safety razor they us

Why an otherwise honest man will

Bylvia is in or out?

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WILLIAM H. SANTELMANN.